

FISCAL NOTE

SB 754 - HB 1352

April 7, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits health insurance companies and managed care organizations from categorizing any tests, procedures or treatments as experimental unless they are considered experimental by a federally funded health care program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$200,000

According to the Bureau of TennCare, MCOs currently make decisions about what is or is not an experimental procedure. Estimate assumes that this bill would limit the categorization of some procedures based upon current Medicare guidelines and require MCOs to reimburse for a greater number of tests and procedures that are now considered experimental. The amount of the increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$300,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director